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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

Update 2013 glossary posted online and is available for download

Another element of *California Water Plan 2013* has been added to the list of items posted online. The [Update 2013 glossary](#) is available for the first time this week. It contains the terms used in the report, as well as additional terms related to water resources. The glossary can be downloaded from the [Update 2013 Web site](#).

Forest service looking to generate dialog on monitoring options

A discussion on monitoring forest indicators will be part of the next [U.S. Forest Service dialog](#) on the future of the Sierra Nevada and Cascades. The goal is to discuss needs, trends and options for monitoring forest health and productivity to support adaptive management of national forests. The dialog will be Thursday, Jan. 22, in Sacramento.



Ideas on setting rates being offered at workshops for water utility managers

Setting water rates that create revenue stability and promote conservation can be a delicate balance for water utility managers. Ideas for striking that balance will be discussed at two workshops next month. They will be Jan. 15, in San Francisco, and Jan. 28, in Los Angeles. Details are available in a flier that can be downloaded from the [Alliance for Water Efficiency Web site](#).

Report looks into the effectiveness of state water monitoring strategy

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council has [released its first audit](#) on the effectiveness of [A Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California](#) that was developed in 2010. The strategy includes recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of California's water quality monitoring and assessment systems. The audit finds that full implementation of the strategy will require a culture shift that integrates the council's strategy into the very fabric of how California's public agencies do business.



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WATER PLAN UPDATE 2013 **SPLASH**

The Splash is a feature of the California Water Plan eNews to spotlight topics from Update 2013 and its Highlights booklet.

Collaborative Process: *California Water Plan Update 2013* promotes using a collaborative process to assist decision-makers in moving California toward a more sustainable future. Details on this process can be found in a section of the [Highlights](#) booklet that focuses on [informed and transparent decisions](#). Specific recommendations on improving water management decisions can be found in Volume 1, Chapter 6, "[Integrated Data and Analysis: Informed and Transparent Decision-Making](#)," and in [Objective 10](#) and [Objective 11](#) of Volume 1, Chapter 8, "[Roadmap for Action](#)."

